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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

Head Office:—Hongkong.

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THE Bank is now prepared to make advances  
on goods in neutral Godowns, and on  
other securities, at rates to be obtained on  
application.

Also to receive Moneys on Current Account or  
Fixed Deposits.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 " " " " " "

For rates of interest for other periods apply to  
the Manager.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1165]

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK

CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.

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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN

AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
Pays and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS OF  
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and  
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had  
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager. [120]

## Insurances.

### THE FUNDS

OF THE

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

ARE invested entirely within the British  
Dominions and are thus free from the  
complications which might arise in time of war.  
They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,  
and have increased 50 per cent in the last 15  
years.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

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### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE

No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [1166]

### GENERAL NOTICE

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, } \$235,333.33

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., [Lo YUEK MOON, Esq.,

LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken

at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the

world.

HEAD OFFICE 8 & 4, PRAYA WEST,

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1178]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE

I HAVE This Day established myself in  
Canton under the style of ANDREW &  
Co. as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.  
Mr. A. F. J. SOARES is authorised to sign  
the Firm's name per procuration.

JOHN ANDREW.

Canton, 2nd November, 1891. [1187]

### NOTICE

WE have this day established a BRANCH  
of our Firm in Amoy, and have authorised  
Mr. FRANCIS CASS to sign as Agent.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,

Hongkong, 10th October, 1891. [1199]

## Masonic.

### VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held

on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 8.30 for 9

a.m. precisely. Visiting Brothers are cordially

invited to attend.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1891. [1192]

## Intimations.

### CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND  
Commission Agents.

### KOLA WINE, (VAN HARGAN).

TONIC, STIMULANT and RESTORATIVE, unequalled as a Restorative of the Digestive  
Organs. It strengthens the Mental and Physical powers, and Stimulates the Circulatory  
and Nervous systems.  
DOSE:—A Wine Glass Full with each Meal.

### VINA COCA.

A Wine-Glass Full taken on rising relieves any uneasiness in the stomach, and faintness.  
FINE SCOTCH HEATHER HONEY \$1 per bottle.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [117]

## W. BREWER

IS NOW SHOWING.

A MAGNIFICENT SELECTION OF

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL OF NOVEMBER 12TH.

WILL REACH ENGLAND ABOUT THE 23RD DECEMBER.

W. BREWER,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1891. [119]

## W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF

FANCY GOODS

AND

TOYS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1891.

## CARMICHAEL

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS,  
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHOOTING STOCKINGS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.

PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS.

CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [1168]

## ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS

(ALL SHADERS).

STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891. [1196]

## KELLY & WALSH, LD.

CASH TERMS.—At

Manufacturers' Prices.

MONTHLY TERMS

—Easy instalments

Spreading over any

period up to Two

YEARS.

BRINSMEAD'S PIANOS

THE BEST OF ALL ENGLISH MAKERS.

CARL RONISCH PIANOS

THE BEST GERMAN PIANO

IN THE MARKET.

MASON & HAMLIN

ORGANS

THE LEADING AMERICAN ORGAN

BUILDERS. PRICES FROM \$54

A large stock of SECOND

HAND PIANOS avail-

able for hire at from

\$5 per month, or for

Cash purchase at from

\$100.

Instalments will also be

accepted for Second

Hand Instruments.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Backed by CHOSSE, BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canada and other 1st class packers.

A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891, attention is called to the

new SCALE OF PRICES.

Prices Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [1198]

## MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(From 7, Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard.)

THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,

and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING-REPAIRS.

Instrument made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

15 years extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people

devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade.

## To be Let.

### TO LET.

NORMAN COTTAGE, ALBANY ROAD.

to Rooms. Rent \$75 a Month.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1891. [1191]

### TO LET.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING

COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES IN KNOTSFORD TER-

RACE containing 5 Rooms each and

Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.

Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1180]

### TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

AT KOWLOON DOCK BAY.

A BUNGALOW with 5 Rooms, a large

Tennis Court and Garden. Moderate

Rent.

Apply to

B. A. ERANEE,

210 Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1179]

### TO LET.

SHOP in Pedder's Street; ROOMS on First

Floor, Suitable for offices.

Also

One FURNISHED BEDROOM on Top

Floor.

Apply to

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1891. [1191]

## Consignees.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND

SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"LIGHTNING"

herby informed, that their goods will

be delivered from alongside, Cargo impeding the

discharge or remaining on board after the 6th

instant will be landed at consignee's risk and

expense into Messrs. N. Mody and Company's

Godown at Wanchai.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1891. [1189]

## Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their

Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk

and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1891. [1191]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the

above Ports TO-MORROW, the 7th instant,

at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHAW & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1891. [1193]

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891. [1195]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND

ADELAIDE.

Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland

Ports and taking through Cargo to New

Zealand, Taranaki, etc.

THE Steamship,

"CATTERTHUR,"

Captain Darke, will be despatched for the

above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th inst., at

4 p.m.

This well-known steamer is specially fitted for

passengers, and has large cooling chambers,

thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meats, Milk,

etc. throughout the voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1891. [1199]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.







Treasury and, what is more, the good-will of the majority of the Treaty Powers who are, and ever have been, willing to aid her by advice and otherwise in her tardy march on the road to much-needed progress and reform. It may be that the Japanese "rush" things, owing to their knowledge that should they fail to keep pace with the times the day would come when their fair country would fall a prey to some powerful nation—possibly Russia. How then is it that the Siamers have not been able to grasp the situation? Chiefly because they are imbued with the ridiculous notion that so long as they have no foreign debt and have plenty to eat, drink, smoke, and betel-nut to chew, there is no reason why they should be better off than the wretched lot because they know not of a better state. Why, then, say the old Conservative nobles and some anti-foreigner princes, should we bestir ourselves? We have enough and to spare, why strive for more? The fact is that the two peoples—Japanese and Siamers—are different from one another as chalk is from cheese, save in personal ugliness, which is slightly in favour of the Japs. But what is the result of Siamese inertia and Japanese activity? Just this: Today, were Japan attacked by any of the Powers of the world, she would be well-disciplined and large army and formidable Navy make a stout resistance and would, too, in all probability, find several friendly Powers who would aid her (especially the United States) to come from the North-north West, while Siam is utterly impotent and is not only useless for herself but is a danger to others, chiefly to England, who has vast political and commercial interests at stake in the country.

What has been done in Japan could have been accomplished in Siam long ago, and should present difficulties be smoothed over, can yet be effected if the King and his Ministers look things bravely in the face and make a clean sweep from office and power of all princes and nobles who have, so to say, stunted the growth of their country. Siam should take a leaf out of Japan's book and learn of all nations in such a manner as to render herself independent and free of all fetters occasioned by compromising secret compacts, either offensive or defensive in purport. That the present King of Siam is solicitous for the welfare of his people, none who have investigated the affairs of his realm can doubt, but at the same time "putting the hand to the plough and looking back" can be rendered in a political as well as a biblical sense, and it is against the danger of turning back, becoming satisfied with half a cake instead of the whole one, that we would specially warn the King, as also against taking, without a large pinch of salt, the advice, writers and flattery of interested parties—be they in the Government service, hirelings of vicious and corrupt nobles, indirectly in the service of the State, or outsiders with axes to grind.

It is unquestionable that Great Britain has no desire for territorial aggrandisement in the direction of Siam or any other part of the Indo-China Peninsula, and it goes equally without saying that we should not wish to see Siam a helping-hand should her territory be seriously threatened by France or any other Power, but this knowledge or belief should not continue to lull the Court of Bangkok into a sense of security which is scarcely justifiable in the premises. We have quite enough to look after in Burma and the Protected States without having to wet-nurse Siam, as the latter appears to think we should. "Man, mind thyself!" is a motto for the King of Siam, and if he acts upon it he may be assured that should his attention be directed to himself and his kingdom be in jeopardy, that an appeal on his part to the Treaty Powers will not be in vain, but that, on the contrary, the majority will freely favour him with the weight of their moral influence, while one or two of them will doubtless appeal to the arbitrament of arms; but this issue can only come about providing Siam is not *too late* in seeing the error of her ways. A step in the right direction has already been taken by the King, who himself turned the sod of the first Siam railway in July last, and a few days ago allotted the contract to build his first State Railway to an English firm of railway contractors, for it is to the development of her resources and the amelioration thereby of the condition of the masses as well as to the increase of the army and the fitting out of a thoroughly formidable Navy, adequate for home defence, that His Majesty's thoughts should be constantly directed.

If, then, it is not too late, and the King and his Ministers bestir themselves in earnest and in a practical manner, bearing in mind the while that mercantile wealth and the prosperity of the people is the source of both the wealth and the glory of all nations, there can be but one result—the freedom and elevation of the masses; perfect immunity from chicanery, conquest, or annexation; and the respect and good-will of Christendom.

The next article will be devoted to an analysis of the system of Government, or rather mis-government, in Siam, the true status of the King, and an *exposé* of the manner in which some of the officials, otherwise traitors, succeed in making two ends meet. We shall then pass on to the commercial affairs of the Kingdom and bring our remarks to a conclusion with, *in fine*, an examination of the absolutely revolting condition of native society in the Land of White Elephants.

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

**LONDON, October 6th.**  
Off Newburgh, Scotland, to-day a vessel was seen on fire. An explosion resulted and the vessel and crew blown to atoms, it is believed.

**Rome, October 6th.**  
Italy has decided to take no part in the Chicago World's Fair.

**St. Petersburg, October 6th.**  
The newspapers denounce the conduct of merchants and members of the nobility for seeking to profit from their stores of corn, while the poor peasants are starving. They make a strong appeal to the Government to revoke the edict prohibiting the export of rye, and substitute therefor a heavy tax on the exportation of all cereals.

Reports from the Balkan district and elsewhere are to the effect that thousands of persons are dying from starvation.

It is announced that the officers of the Imperial Guard have decided to resign their commissions at any regimental banquet, and to contribute money which would have been spent to the peasants of the famine-stricken districts. All classes of citizens here, following the example of the Czar, have resolved to abandon all entertainments during the winter and contribute the money thus saved to a fund for alleviating the distress of the famishing people. Most of the public officials announce their intention to devote a certain percentage of their salaries to the same purpose, and the workmen have decided to give a proportion of their humble wages even the children will offer their little savings. Collections are being taken

at all the churches every feast day. The stream of relief is coming in through wide channels, but the system of distribution, it is said, is very defective.

**BERLIN, October 6th.**  
Herr Bebel, a prominent member of the Socialist party, delivered a speech to-day, in which he declared that Russia should be trampled to the ground at all costs. Everybody would contribute to the victory of the German flag and drive Russia out of Europe. Russia, he declared, ought to be revolutionized, both externally and internally, in order to eliminate the perpetual menace of war. Herr Bebel also declared that Poland should be made an independent state.

The gas-pipes at a Mark Graven strasse were out of order, and a number of workmen were sent to make repairs. The pipe leaked badly, and by some carelessness a light was brought near the pipe, and a fearful explosion followed. Six workmen who were near the pipe were instantly killed, and several persons in the neighborhood were hurt. The house was badly wrecked and set on fire, but the fire did not prove a serious one.

Chancellor von Caprivi has given orders that prosecutors be begun against the socialist workmen for attacking him at a public meeting.

**MADRID, October 6th.**  
A hospital and fifteen houses were destroyed by fire to-day at Santander, twenty miles north of here.

A dispatch from Santander at midnight says that the fire at the hospital has been quenched, but the flames are spreading elsewhere with alarming rapidity. Fourteen houses in the Calle Monte are already doomed.

**VIENNA, October 6th.**  
It is reported that the heir to the crown of Roumania has renounced the throne and insists upon marrying Mlle. Vacaresco. The King has invited to the capital the youngest son of Leopold of Hohenzollern, with the idea, it is supposed, of making him heir to the throne.

**LIVERPOOL, October 6th.**  
A terrific gale prevailed in the Irish sea last night. Three vessels were wrecked near Holyhead. The crews were saved. The storm is increasing in violence, having reached the force of a hurricane. Its area is extending.

**HALIFAX (N. S.), October 6th.**  
A special cablegram from Bermuda says: "A tremendous wind and rain storm has been raging here for two days. All incoming steamers have experienced very rough weather. It took the mail steamer *Durand Castle* seven days to make the run from St. Thomas to Bermuda. The steamer ran short of coal and with difficulty reached port, having to burn the vessel's wood-work."

**COPENHAGEN, October 6th.**  
The Czar and Czarina, the King and Queen of Greece and other members of the imperial family of Russia and the royal family of Greece arrived here to-day.

**BOSTON, October 6th.**  
Cable advices from Russia say that entire states are being deserted on account of the famine. They also assert that a new law has been made forbidding the sowing of seed this fall, so that the acreage next year will not be sufficient for the home supply, still less for export. So great is the distress that the people have been driven to pillaging each other, first setting fire to villages, then robbing the inhabitants. By the united charities of the Government and people a blizzard a day is allowed to every individual in the famine district. The distress is a greater menace to the Government than all the efforts of the nihilists. The famine may cause a revolution where love of liberty has failed. Aid is being sent in by Holland Jews and nihilist societies of America. The latter have sent \$55,000.

**BRUSSELS, October 6th.**  
It is estimated that 35,000 persons visited the Treilles Cemetery yesterday to see the grave of Boulanger. A van load of flowers and wreaths, to be placed on the grave, arrived this morning from Paris.

**LONDON, October 7th.**  
The liabilities of Arthur Levy & Co., which have been placed under a receiver, are \$600,000. The Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs: A military convention between France and Russia has been in existence for fifteen months. A further treaty of alliance is about to be signed. Its provisions will not be communicated to the chambers, but will remain a secret of the Ministry until such time as they think proper to disclose them.

**ROME, October 7th.**  
The Pope has instructed the Papal Nuncios abroad to present a Note to the Governments on the recent disorders in Rome on account of the offensive action of French pilgrims at the tomb of King Victor Emmanuel. The Note will hold that these disorders are evidences of the insecurity of the Papal position.

**BERLIN, October 7th.**  
The Bourse is depressed on rumors that Russia intends to prohibit the exportation of wheat after October 15th.

Many French people have taken advantage of the relaxation of the passport system and are flocking into Metz and Strasbourg in great numbers. The detective and police forces in those cities have been doubled and all French are under strict espionage.

**NEW YORK, October 7th.**  
It is reported here that yellow fever is raging at Gonaves and the small port towns in Hayti, and many ships' crews are down with the malady.

#### IN AN OPIUM DEN AT YUNNAN-FU.

Mr. S. Pollard, of the Inland China Mission, writes to the *Banner of Asia* from Yunnan Fu, on the progress of the opium plague in that part of the Chinese empire. On one occasion he and his travelling companions found themselves, after dark, at the result of "a bit of sharp work" on the shores of a lake, tired, hungry, and with no inn to stay in. "We had to retire our steps to a small market, and here for a long time we could find no place to lay our heads. At last a man who knew us, at my entreaties, went to seek out a shelter. The only place he could find was an opium den—a small, one-roomed house, dark and dirty. In one corner was a big coffin. There were two tables and several raised stands for the smokers. Two of these stands were placed at our disposal, and we did our best to get some sleep, but our best was not very successful. The den was a mass of about forty, and the look on his face was awful, a glare in his eyes, an unceasing twitch of the cheek, and his whole demeanour spoke eloquently of the beneficent effects of our Indian policy. Death was written plainly on the man's forehead, and misery over all his surroundings. When he died they will hold an inquest in Heaven, and under the direction of the just Coroner a verdict of

"MURDERED BY THE ACTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT" will be returned.

"Huddled up on the stand where the landlord was at his opium, were his two little boys. Last

year the mother fled from the misery of the place and has not been found since. One of the boys was unwell, and there were no bed-clothes among the lot of them. All money was offered up at the shrine of the golden idol set up by the Indian Government. It distressed me sorely to see these two little boys there, waiting for the night for the opium-smoking to finish. Then all of a heap they tried to sleep, but I could hear one of the boys crying and moaning now and again. Oh, the misery this opium has brought to China and it is too firmly entrenched now to be swept away except by mighty workings on the part of our God. We are hoping soon to see the Indian opium stopped, and then we must enter on another crusade to persuade England to make amends to China for the awful curse she has brought on this great land. Possibly this will be harder work than the stopping of the poppy growth in India. Hard or not, we must never cease in our crusade till the whole world is entirely freed from the opium slavery.

"We are a band of us here constantly praying for success, and the God who loves China and India, and died for their peoples, will surely give what we ask for. Onelet the Christian Church see what a blight opium brings, and it will with righteous indignation sweep it away and all that support it."

#### THE PACIFIC "SLOPPY" OR THE MISSING BANK MANAGER.

[FOR THE Sydney Bulletin.]

The most necessary qualification for a successful bank official in these business times, is a thorough comprehension of the twin arts of "lying low" and "levitating." At the first blush it would appear that the would-be levanter has no chance—or, at least, a very slender chance—of coming from this island continent, seeing that he is watched at every port, and on every outward-bound vessel, by an army of heaven-born detectives and lynx-eyed and inspired police, who are clairvoyants at sea, and trans-mediums at interpreting "a clue." Think of the complex organization arrayed against the levitating bank official! His police-station is everywhere, but the description is particularly unlike the "wastoid" as human blundering can make it, perhaps that doesn't matter much; though, on the other hand, the average bobby always reads the description upside-down and inside out, perhaps it does matter after all. His photograph is largely circulated amongst the seaport officials, but, as he generally alters his facial appearance, this also is as to be discounted. The free and urgent use of the telegraph wires is available to the whole body of these officers, and anything except a balloon can be stopped anywhere *en route* on suspicion. It is coming to the completeness of a police organization that the occasional captures, which the public are taught by the press to regard as "sensational smart," are made, but these are nothing more than the ordinary sequences of the driest routine work. The police official—the "D" or the common constable—always moves in fixed grooves. His "information received" is the result of the treachery of "fingies" or criminal traitors in his pay—often a less off-ender whom he could arrest if he chose, but whose peccadilloes he ignores in consideration of his "peaching" services; still more frequently, a lady, a temporary spouse who has, as he says, a "peaching" husband, a criminal, or an associate of criminals. Once got outside of police routine and the whole service is at fault. A "wanted" who knows the official methods needs only money and cool assurance to circumvent them.

I could tell some other time, if *The Bulletin* thinks fit, a strange, weird yarn of a successful "lying low" and a subsequent clean "levitating," the peculiar feature of which was that the "wanted" was taken aboard an outward-bound vessel in a police boat, and by the very police-officer who held the warrant for his arrest, and who was going to search the vessel for him. I could—and may possibly—tell another as credible about another merchant, who had for many weeks, in a government building, and the very notes of the police of a large city; but the poor devil got so sick of his retirement that he at last gave himself up and faced the resultant musk.

I have been led to think of these things from the receipt of a letter from a former friend of mine, who went wrong and is at present at Honolulu for the benefit of his health. The letter of this—I am sorry to say—unrepentant man shall speak for itself!

Honolulu, Sunday, 20th, X—, 1891.  
"My dear—, You will see by the above heading that I am in safety enjoying the fruits of my big cough. I am satisfied, thank you. I have gained the ambition of my life. When I look back at my chances, as some one said once (was it Clive or Warren Hastings?), I am astonished at my own moderation. It was a work of years, I was a plucky little messenger-boy, and very lucky on one or two occasions. I was a steady and a careful book-keeper, with the devil's own fortune at last. I made a splendid confidential clerk and learned some "points" from the directors, who insisted on explaining to me the weaknesses in the existing bank laws. They didn't want those laws muddled with, however, because though there were many holes by which the bank fell through, there were still more holes which let the customers through, and a general repair would have left the institution in the lurch. When I was promoted to be manager of the bank I knew that my chance had come. I did the confidence trick in the old, old way—the Sunday-school racket and the church-choir enthusiasm. I needn't put you up to my methods of "general scoop." Should you ever get a billet in a bank, though, I'll send you out the fullest rules and regulations to guide you on your royal progress to wealth."

"How did I get away? As simply as taking a train. I hunted no one except Bill Rogers. I trusted him because he would have been compromised himself if I had been caught. I did not even confide in my wife and family. I had to get them a distance away on a complicated yarn that wouldn't interest you; it was very easily invented. Bill and I soon came to the conclusion that the safest way to "lie low" until the "hue and cry" was a bit abated, was as an invalid in the house of a policeman in a marine suburb. Bill knew of just such a party—a thick-headed, good natured Irishman, described in the evening papers as a "very intelligent officer." "To be coarser" (he said in reply to Bill) "I will oblige your friend, the sick man, and it's the party shipper room off have, an' Molly's the kindest craythur that ever drew the breath of life." I had no lay for many days in the calm seclusion of the official bosom, shamming sick, being visited almost daily by the local doctor, and letting my beard grow (I only had a monstache before) and only going out on dark nights for brief exercise. The weeks sped on, and as my whiskers began to form a natural framework of disguise around my features, I thought it was time to make the next move. So I gradually recovered—to some extent—and one blinding morning I bade the policeman and his wife and a tender farewell, and departed freely with a view to completing my recovery in the mountains. Then I made for the loneliest place on the adjacent sea-shore, and having

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bathed my face and hands, neck and forehead in lemon-juice. I lay drying in the sun on the alighting sand. The transformation was wonderful. In two hours I was like a halibut nigger. I lay low in my new capacity all day in the bush, and that evening Bill Rogers fetched along a rough suit of clothes, a swag and a billy, and a soft felt hat. I started on the wallaby, taking the south-east coast. I turned up at the new Pambula diggings where I got work on a claim for a time—navvy work. I soon sickened of the eternal pick and shovel, but it was necessary as part of my safe plan. After a few weeks on Pambula I went on to the seaport of Eden, in company with other returning prospectors. I was only among a dozen returned diggers (the lemon-juice trick had been repeated several times), and I caused no suspicion. I got away to Hobart—pretending *en route* for the Zeehan silver-mines—by a small steamer, and the rest was easy—an unsuspected and once voyage to this joyous island, where everybody is either a happy nigger or an aborigine. I send you these particulars in case, dear boy, you may ever need to skeddaddle suddenly. Enclosed are ten £20 notes that I omitted to change into gold before I left; they are of no use to me here. Their numbers are not known to the bank. Good bye—Yours at rest, Bill Bolt."

I forward this letter for publication, for the benefit of any *Bulletin* readers who may need to "skeddaddle" surreptitiously. Also, to give the police a hint—Yours, &c., The Dissembler.

**HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.**

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Today.	
Barometer—4 a.m.	30.05
Barometer—10 a.m.	30.00
Barometer—4 p.m.	29.95
Thermometer—10 a.m.	78
Thermometer—4 p.m.	75
Thermometer—10 p.m.	72
Thermometer—10 a.m.	65
Thermometer—4 p.m.	62
Thermometer—10 p.m.	60
Thermometer—10 a.m.	58
Thermometer—4 p.m.	55
Thermometer—10 p.m.	52
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**J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,**  
Hon. Secretary,  
St. Andrew's Society.  
Hongkong, 5th November, 1891.

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**ED. ROBINSON,**  
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